

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

DOOLEY, Calvin (Democrat)
Representative, 20th District, California
Elected 1990 to 102nd Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Visalia, California - 11 January 1954
Home: Visalia, California
Marital status: Married (Linda) - 2 children
Religion: Methodist
Education: U. of California, Davis, B.S. 1977; Stanford U., M.A. 1987
Military: None
Profession: Farmer

Political: No previous office; former state Senate aide. Defeated incumbent Rep Charles "Chip" Pashayan (R) with 55% of the vote in 1990. Reelected in 1992 with 65% of the vote to the 20th District (had represented the 17th District). Reelected in 2000 with 53% of the vote and in 2002 with 64%.

Rep Dooley is a moderate, pro-business member who leans liberal on social-policy issues (abortion rights advocate) and conservative on fiscal issues (supports a balanced budget constitutional amdt). Primary focus is agricultural issues. In the 102d Congress, voted not to give President Bush authority to use military force in the Persian Gulf. At the start of the 103d Congress, took a seat on the Banking Cmte. Voted against President Clinton's budget package (PL103-66) because it did not contain enough spending cuts. In the 104th Congress, lost his seat on the Banking Cmte. Supported additional funds for more B-2s. Worked to combat what he viewed as overly restrictive control of water flow on federal lands. Just prior to the 105th Congress, helped form The New Democratic Coalition to advance centrist policies. The group is socially progressive and their major agenda includes a balanced budget plan, international trade proposals and tax policy (Legi-Slate, Nov96). Supported the extension of most-favored nation status to China. Supported \$23M in the FY98 military construction approps bill for the Lemoore Naval Air Station. Said he considers Lemoore NAS "a critical component of the Navy's future operations." In July 1998 supported the lifting of sanctions on India and Pakistan - related to their explosions of nuclear devices - so that food aid could be provided. In November 1998 lost the Democratic Caucus Vice-Chairmanship race to Rep Menendez (D-NJ) after two ballots. (CQ, Nov98) In the 106th Congress, stated that the Taiwan Relations Act passed in 1979 has proven an effective mechanism in helping Taiwan achieve security, prosperity, and freedom. Opposed a bill that sought to formalize a US military relationship with Taiwan. In the 107th Congress, served with the Mexico-US Interparliamentary Group, advocated agricultural trade with Cuba as a means to provide an additional market for goods and as a method of advancing personal freedoms in that country.

Member of: Democratic Budget and Study Groups; House Navy/Marine Corps Caucus
AF Bases: Fresno ANG

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